

TOWN OF STRATHAM



Public Notice
May 20, 2020

Reopening of Main Parking Lot at Stratham Hill Park and Stevens Park Tennis Courts to Stratham Residents

The Town of Stratham is currently operating under a declared public health emergency

Beginning on Wednesday May 27th, the main parking lot serving Stratham Hill Park off of Portsmouth Avenue will re-open to **Stratham residents only**. The parking lot will be opened for residents Monday through Friday. The lot will be closed on Fridays at 3 p.m. and remain closed on the weekends to all vehicles including residents. Residency requirements will be strictly enforced.

The Park itself, including the trail network, remains open and available via pedestrian and bicycle access during regular hours every day of the week.

The Town of Stratham is committed to following recommended guidance from state and federal authorities in order to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus. The phased opening is subject to further review based on guidance from public health authorities, subsequent executive orders, as well as observations of compliance with social distancing recommendations of the CDC and posted signage.

The Town of Stratham is committed to protecting the health and safety of the Town residents and the Town employees and we ask for the public's patience, understanding and cooperation as we navigate this period of time as a community.

Details on Residency Requirements:

Residents of Stratham will need to have a valid Stratham Transfer Station sticker adhered to their window of their vehicle. Transfer Station Stickers can be ordered by mail from the Stratham Recreation Department. Please send a letter request to the Stratham Parks and Recreation Department, 10 Bunker Hill Ave, please include a check for \$5.00, made out to the Town of Stratham. Please also include: your vehicle make and license plate number; a return address to send the sticker to; and a phone number to reach you in case there are any questions. Due to volume and other restrictions in place, stickers cannot be picked up at the Town Offices at this

time. Residents are also welcome to drop off requests in the lock box adjacent to the main entrance at the Municipal Center; stickers will be mailed to the address provided.

Fines will be levied to any violators. Stratham Police Department has the authority to enforce the regulations and issue parking tickets. Stratham Police Department should be contacted to deal with any infractions of the posted signage.

All Other Parking Areas Will Remain Closed:

- Closure dirt parking area around 4H Barn/ Pavilion will be blocked and signed to indicate no parking available.
- Signage will be placed along Portsmouth Avenue indicating that there will be 'No Parking' along either side of the road.

Signage at surrounding neighborhood entrances will inform the public that parking is prohibited by Temporary Order of the Police Department. All previous closed parking areas adjacent and surround the park will remain posted as no parking areas.

The tennis courts at Stevens Park will be open as well for residents of Stratham. Per the guidance of the US Tennis Association only singles play is advisable in this environment. Please review the signs posted at the entrance to the courts and become familiar with the expectations and guidance provided.

- Athletic Fields will remain closed in Stratham, this includes fields at Stevens Park, Stratham Hill Park and the fields at the Municipal Center
- Playgrounds will remain closed throughout Stratham
- Dogs must be leash on the trail network and the open fields at Stratham Hill Park and surrounding areas

Park Users Shall Adhere To These Recommendations:

- Refrain from using parks if they are exhibiting **symptoms**.
- **Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to** and during use of parks or trails.
- While on trails, warn other users of their presence and as they pass, and step aside to let others pass.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6-10 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart that space.